**Sanction of gas for gas-based thermal power station at Vijjeswaram, Andhra Pradesh**

846. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas allocation was made for gas-based thermal power s tation at Vijjeswaram stage II in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) It has been decided to allocate gas for two new gas based power stations in the Krishna-Godavari Basin, one to be set up by NTPC and the other to be set up in the State Sector. This is subject to confirmation that APSEB would be in a position to allocate adequate lands for implementing the project.

((c) Does not arise.

**Coal linkage to Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station from Talcher and Ib-Valley coalfields**

847. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Central Government to give coal linkage from Talcher or Ib-Valley coalfields to the Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station till such time coal linkage from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. is established; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh Government have requesteld for coal linkage for four Thermal Power Station (TPS) including Manuguru Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) for benefits during the Eighth Plan period. Of these linkage has already been given for Muddanur TPS from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL). For Vijayawada TPS Stage-III coal linkage has been confirmed from Ib. Valley coalfield of Orissa. For another Power Station viz. Visakhapatnam TPS, linkage is being considered for the first unit from either Talcher or Ib-Valley coalfields to be effective from early part of the Ninth Plan Period. Manuguru STPS is proposed as a pit-head Power Station based on coal supply from SCCL. However, the coal production in SCCL is not sufficient to meet this additional requirement after meeting the demand already committed on this Company. From logistic point of view, it will be irrational to provide linkage to the proposed Manuguru STPS from Talcher or Ib-Valley Coalfields.

**Pending hydel power projects of Andhra Pradesh**

848. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hydel power projects in Andhra Pradesh which are pending with the Central Government for their clearance; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Status of small and large Hydel Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh submitted